

Lompoc Library Board of Trustees
501 E. North Ave., Lompoc, CA 93436
Tuesday, May 12, 2009
Regular Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

President Clark called the meeting of the Lompoc Library Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 PM.

Trustees Present: Allan Clark, Luella Knowles, Diane Lawrence, Wickie Rodenhi, Holly Sierra

Trustees Absent: None.

Staff Present: Molly Gerald, Library Director, Lee Edie, Library Administrative Aide

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: It was moved, seconded (Rodenhi/Lawrence), and unanimously carried to discuss items in the order presented.

3. Consent Calendar

MOTION: It was moved, seconded (Knowles/Lawrence), and unanimously carried to approve the consent calendar as presented.

4. Presentations

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Nina Taylor in recognition of her volunteer service during the past year in collection development and homebound service.

5. Public Opinion

Martha Bacos, former Library Trustee, suggested making the south entrance to the Lompoc Library more attractive by replacing the worn out exterior carpet at the south entrance. She offered to assist financially with the project and was thanked by Trustee Clark.

6. Library Support Activities

A. Friends of the Library – Nina Taylor, President

1. The Santa Barbara Foundation awarded a grant of \$15,000/year for two years for Literacy Program funding.

2. The Friends will sponsor the Literacy Program's Flower Festival food booth.

3. Due to a price increase, the cost of See's candy bars will be raised from \$1.00 to \$1.50.

B. Library Foundation – Karen Orsua, President

No report.

7. Correspondence

The California Library Association's legislative update of May 7 was shared with the Board.

8. Old Business

A. Charlotte's Web Children's Library Learning Center

Consideration of contract approval for constructability review of the Charlotte's Web Children's Library project.

Staff advised that the City of Lompoc Engineering staff plans to award a contract for the purpose of Constructability Review Services for the Charlotte's Web project. This service would be beneficial to the project.

The Board agreed with the decision and took no action.

B. Review of the 2008-2009 budget.

The report was accepted as presented.

C. Development of the 2009-2011 budget.

1. The Library Director advised that the City is currently in negotiations with employee unions and staff will update the Board as decisions are made. Two areas of concern have been addressed and answers are pending. First is the City's Chevron energy solution project; it was understood that the interest on the loan for the Library's improvements would be absorbed at the City administrative level, but now a cost appears in the next budget. Second is an Administrative fee increase of 3%.

The Buellton Library budget is balanced and there continues to be positive support from the City of Buellton. The Village Library fundraiser continues and staff will be reviewing revenue projections when they are supplied by Finance.

2. Marell Brooks, representing the Grow the Village Library fundraising committee of the Friends of the Library, reported that the fundraising effort was currently at 64%. Letters were recently mailed to past individual and corporate donors in hopes of continued support.
3. Trustee Clark reported that at the special City Council meeting on May 8, 2009, the Council voted to reduce funding to the Library by 10%. Trustee Clark represented the Library staff, as the Library Director was on vacation. He answered questions related to Sunday closure, the Literacy program, and increased circulation of library materials during the recession.

9. Other Business

A. Library Update

The Director's report was presented without change. Mrs. Gerald advised that the Lompoc City Council requested the Human Resources Department to survey nearby cities for general fund salary comparisons. The Library was not included in the survey because the Library staff has a separate compensation plan. A comparison of Black Gold Libraries' salaries, as reported in the California State Library Report of 2007-2008, was provided to the Board.

The City of Lompoc employees took on the goal of raising \$10,000 in support of the local chapter of the Cancer Society Relay for Life. The goal was not only met but exceeded. Several Library staff participated in fundraising events to help meet the Library's portion of the goal.

The Library will again host the Community Services Day for Leadership Lompoc Valley on May 8th.

B. Director's Activities and Update

The Director's report was presented without change.

C. Roundtable

Trustee Clark advised that he will be on vacation June 19-July 1, 2009 and Trustee Knowles advised she will be on vacation June 12-19, 2009.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2009, 6:00 PM at the Lompoc Public Library.

Diane Lawrence, Secretary
by Lee Edie